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# Land Grant Application- Smith, Noah (Hollis)

Noah Smith

Comfort Smith

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James Smith of Hollis in the County of York being  
in the sixty seventh year of my age testify ~~testify~~ and say  
that I was acquainted with the late Noah Smith of said  
Hollis who died in Hollis about seven years ago - he being  
a cousin of my father - that I have always understood that  
he was born in Briddeford in said County where my  
father was born, and while he resided there that he enlisted  
into the Revolutionary army and served therein several years  
I understood that he first enlisted for three years, and after  
serving out that period, he enlisted again for during the  
war and continued in the army till the close of the war  
when he was honorably discharged. I remember to have  
heard the said Noah talk about his services in the army  
and the battles in which he was engaged. This he used  
to talk about often before he became insane, which was 14  
years before his death - I well recollect one instance ~~where~~ he  
related where they attacked a fort, and in scaling the walls, one  
John Cole of Boston was cut down by his side and severely  
wounded in the face and head, but recovered of his wounds &  
lived many years after the war closed - I knew said Cole  
after the war and have seen the scars in his head where he  
was wounded. I have often heard the late Col. John Smith  
of said Hollis and James Brand of Waterbury (both of whom are  
now dead) speak of serving with said Noah Smith in  
the Revolutionary army - and distinctly remember seeing  
them when they returned home at the close of the war -  
and understood at the time that said Noah returned  
home with them, and went to Briddeford his place of  
residence - After the revolution said Noah moved from Brid-  
deford to Waterbury and lived there about two years and  
then moved to Hollis, where he resided till his death - I  
never heard it doubted, that said Noah Smith served out  
his time of enlistment as a brave and faithful soldier and  
that he was honorably discharged. I was present when he was

married to his last wife which was about 1790. and knew  
her before and since. His widow (Mrs Comfort Smith) is still  
living in Hollis. When she married said Nath she was the  
widow of Samuel Hall Clarke. She is a very meritorious woman  
and for her faithful attentions to her late husband, and for her  
interesting care and sufferings during the long time he was in-  
afflicted with insanity, she richly deserves the gratitude awarded  
to the widows of deceased soldiers of the Revolution. Mrs Smith  
is poor and needs assistance to make her comfortable in her  
old age.

James Smith

State of Maine - York ss. August 17, 1837. Then personally  
appeared James Smith above-named and made solemn  
oath to the truth of the foregoing deposition by him subscribed.

Before me, Nathan Dane Appleton  
Justice of the Peace -

(Copy)

I John Smith, of Hollis in the County of York and State of Maine, Esquire, do depose and say, that I served as a private soldier in the Army of the Revolution from some time in the month of December, 1776, to the latter part of the year 1779, in the company commanded by <sup>Jeremiah Hill, afterwards</sup> ~~by Captain~~ Robert Davis, and lastly by Captain — Hancock, in Colonel Joseph Vose's Regiment in the Massachusetts Line, on the continental establishment; that I well knew Noah Smith, now resident in Hollis aforesaid, an insane person, and a pauper, supported by the said town of Hollis, who was a private soldier in said company with myself, and served from the latter part of the year ~~1777~~ 1777 to some time in year 1779. And I am confident said Noah Smith was a private soldier and served in the said company, first commanded by Captain Ser. Keill, then by Cap<sup>t</sup>. Robert Davis, and afterwards by Capt<sup>n</sup> Hancock, in said Col: Vose's Regiment, in the Massachusetts line, on the continental establishment, more than two years during the years of 1777, 1778, & 1779, and that I well know said Noah Smith was with and served in said company with myself, in the battles of taking Gen<sup>l</sup>. Burgoyne in 1777, in the battle of Monmouth in 1778, and in the battle, ~~off~~ Rhode Island, under Gen<sup>l</sup>. Sullivan in 1778 & 1779. And I further swear, that I am confident that Noah Smith now living in Hollis aforesaid, is the same Noah Smith, who served as a private soldier as aforesaid, and that the same Noah Smith is now living in said Hollis, is now, and for ten years past, has been, insane, and that he is very poor, being supported as a pauper, by the town of Hollis aforesaid, and that Stephen Hopkinson has the care of the said Noah Smith

(Signed) John Smith

State of Maine, County of York, Set: Alfred, this third  
day of January, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred  
and twenty one. Then personally appeared the abovenamed  
Col. John Smith of Hollis aforesaid, to me personally known,  
and solemn oath to the truth of the foregoing affidavit,  
by him subscribed, in my presence. And I hereby  
certify that said Col. John Smith is a credible witness,  
and a gentleman of the first respectability. Attest.  
(Signed) Jeremiah Goodwin Justice of  
the Peace for said County.

I James Mann of Waterbury in the County of  
York and State of Maine, a man, aged about sixty six  
years, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that in the  
Revolutionary army, I served ~~from the~~ as a private  
soldier from the year 1775, to the year 1783 in the Company  
first commanded by Captain Jeremiah Hill, then by  
Capt. Robert Davis, then by Capt. Hancock & others, in  
Col. Joseph Vose's Regiment in the Massachusetts Line,  
on the continental establishment; that I was well  
acquainted with one Noah Smith, now living in the  
town of Hollis in the said County of York, who served as a  
private soldier in the same company, before referred to,  
more than two years and a half, to the best of my  
recollection, in the course of the years 1777. 1778. & 1779; I  
well recollect that said Noah Smith was with our said  
Company, in the several battles in the capture of  
General Burgoyne in 1777, and in the battle on Rhode  
Island under General Sullivan, in 1778. I am unable to  
state the time when said Noah Smith entered, but am  
certain it was in year 1777, and left the service in the



year 1779. The same Noah Smith, who served as a soldier as  
aforesaid, is now living in Hollis in said County, and is,  
and for many years <sup>has</sup> been, in a state of mental derange-  
ment, and is miserably poor, being totally destitute of  
property. And I further swear, that I am well acquainted  
with Ed. John Smith, of Hollis aforesaid, who gave  
the foregoing affidavit, by him subscribed, and who is  
now personally present, and I will remember that he  
served in said Company as by him stated.

Witness (Signed) James Mann.  
(Signed) John Smith

### State of Maine

County of York ss: Alfred, January 4. 1821. Personally  
appeared the abovenamed James Mann, to me personally  
acquainted, and made solemn oath, to the truth of  
the foregoing affidavit by him subscribed. And I hereby  
certify that the said James Mann is a credible witness  
Before me, Jeremiah Goodwin Justice of the Peace

(Signed) Jeremiah Goodwin Justice of  
The Peace for said County

### State of Maine.

York ss: I Jeremiah Bradbury clerk of the Circuit Court of Common  
Pleas within & for the County of York, do hereby certify, that  
Jeremiah Goodwin who certifies the oaths of John Smith & James Mann  
to the respective depositions by them subscribed & hereto annexed, was at the  
time & now is a Justice of the Peace, for said County duly qualified; & that the  
signature to said certificate, of oath is proper signature & handwriting of said  
Jeremiah Goodwin. — In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my  
name & affix my official seal this twenty second day of January A.D.  
1821.

(Signed) Jer. Bradbury

Office of the Secretary Senate  
September 27. 1837.

I certify the foregoing to be true copies from the  
original depositions on file in this Office.

Arthur J. Butler.

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Comfor Smith  
of Hollis  
widow of Noel Smith  
Res Mead 24.1836

Recd Aug 31.1837

Admitted &  
Certificate No. 2551  
Dec 10.1837 & sent by  
me to A. D. Appleton  
Esq Alfred —

A. D. Appleton



## State of Maine

On this seventeenth day of August A.D. 1837 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace within & for the County of York, Comfort Smith of Hollis in said County of York widow, aged Eighty years, who on oath with make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolue passed by the Legislature of Maine March 24, 1836. being a Resolue additional to a Resolue passed March 17, 1835. entitled, "Resolue in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of <sup>the</sup> deceased Officers and Soldiers:- that my late husband Nath Smith of Hollis aforesaid died in said Hollis about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1830; that he was a soldier in the Massachusetts line of the Revolutionary Army; that he enlisted into the army at Bidsford in said County, where he was born and where he resided when he enlisted into the army; that he faithfully served in the army not less than three years, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war, when he returned home to this County and resided here till his death; that I have always understood that he enlisted to serve for three years and also for during the war; and that he was in the battles previous to the capture of Burgoine, and also at the capture and surrender of Lord Cornwallis' army. I cannot remember the name of the Colonel of the Regiment to which he belonged - nor the Regiment - my said husband was insane for the period of fourteen years previous to his death; and received a pension of ninety six dollars from the U. States for six or seven years before his death; that neither he nor any other person claiming under him have ever received a grant of land or money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and that I am justly entitled to the benefit of said Resolue. I was married to the said Nath

Smith in December A.D. 1790 by the Rev. Eldon Tingley of Watuboro in the County of York - I being at that time the widow of Samuel Hild Clarke, to whom I was married in Durham N. H. in April 1775 and who immediately enlisted into the army of the revolution and served therein several years. My late husband ~~said~~ <sup>was</sup> Smith was over eighty years of age when he died.

The late Col. John Smith of Hollis and James Wren of Watuboro both served with my husband in the army of the Revolution and are both now deceased. They testified to his services in the Revolutionary army, and by their testimony he was enabled to obtain his Pension. I do not know of any person now living who served with him in the revolution.

The facts above stated ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Comfort Smith

York sp. August 17, 1837. Then personally appeared Comfort Smith and made solemn oath to the truth of the foregoing declaration by her subscribed -

Before me, Nathan Dane Appleton.  
Just. Peace

Alfred Nov 3<sup>d</sup> 1837-

To Hon. John Houghden  
Land Agent of Maine,

I Nathan Dane Appleton of Alfred hereby certify  
that from what I know of the character of the late Noah  
Smith & his reputed services as a soldier in the Revolution  
and also of the characters of Capt James Urran & the late Col.  
John Smith of Hollis, who testified as to the services of said  
Noah Smith in the army of the Revolution I believe  
that Comfort Smith the widow of said Noah, is justly  
entitled to the benefits of the resolve of March 24, 1836.

Nathan Dane Appleton

I, William Allen Hayes Judge  
of Probate within and for the County of York  
in the State of Maine, hereby certify, that  
satisfactory evidence, under oath, has been  
adduced before me to prove that Comfort  
Smith of Hollis in the County of York, was  
the lawful wife, and is now the widow  
of James Smith late of said Hollis a  
revolutionary soldier deceased.

Given under my hand this twenty first  
day of August in the year of our Lord eighteen  
hundred and twenty seven.

Wm. A. Hayes Judge of Probate